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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 9236**  
Sandhya MISHRA et al. : Docket No. 2001-0120A  
Serial No. 09/777,664 : Group Art Unit 1651  
Filed February 7, 2001 : Examiner Irene Marx

AN IMPROVED PROCESS FOR THE  
REMOVAL OF CALCIUM IONS FROM THE  
BRINE BY MARINE CYANOBACTERIA :

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of May 24, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**RESPONSE UNDER 37. CFR 1.116**  
**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**  
**EXAMINING GROUP 1651**